

REMARKS

1. Based on the Office communication, the applicants have further amended the claim1.

This application mainly apply the adhering and larger in size characteristics of the MSCs. Therefore, the MSCs can be separated and adhered on the upper plate. The other smaller size cells can pass through the pores. The cells that are collected on the lower plate are not the point of this method no matter whether they are hematopoietic stem cells or not. Furthermore, the other non-adhering cells can migrate and follow through the pores of the upper plate due to gravity.

2. The pore size of the upper plate is limited to the range of 0.4 to 40 microns, but not in any size.

3. Based on the teaching of prior arts, one with ordinary skill in the art can use an upper plate with pore size of 0.4 to 40 microns to separate MSCs with other smaller size cells. Therefore, there was no undue experiment works needed. Moreover a new claim with smaller range of pore size is also added in this amendment.

Accordingly, this application should be placed in condition of allowance. An early Notice to this effect is respectfully expected.

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